

May 2019

6The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. --2 Corinthians 9:6-7

I was fortunate to have had considerable time with my maternal grandfather while growing up. Looking back, one of the indelible influences he had on me was how he invested so much of his time and energy for present and future generations, often toward efforts whose fruits wouldn't be fully realized for years or even generations. My grandpa worked to bring a hospital to the community that was the primary hub in the county where I spent the largest part of my childhood. Among his efforts, he sought funding for a year-round community indoor pool, was an early adopter of modern soil and water conservation methods on his farm, was an advocate for the local schools and was a delegate to the Older Iowans Legislature to address issues of concern to seniors. I personally experienced his interest in providing opportunities in the coming generations that weren't available to him or that came at great cost. I know from what he told me that one of the key motivations for him was a sense of stewardship—both taking care of what God had entrusted to him, and leaving those gifts—whether land, public institutions or opportunities for students—in a better state than he had found them. I will feel this legacy for my entire life.

I had originally planned to write a different column for this month. Then, events intervened. As some of you know, the church building has been losing shingles with each substantial wind storm for over a year now. The Trustees were already considering possible remedies. On Monday of Holy Week only hours before our noon worship service, water began coming in through multiple new places in the sanctuary. From the ground a patch of exposed wood could be seen. The Trustees arranged for an emergency repair only to discover several more spots where all the shingles and tar paper were gone or highly compromised. (see the Trustees' article on the next page FMI and a photo). The work crew could also see that even with patches, several segments of shingles were a strong storm or two away from themselves being peeled away. Much of this was out of sight from the ground. Indeed, the section of roof in the best relative condition is the one we see most often on the north side of the building. Even there, the roof valley is compromised. Whether because the worst parts were out of sight or something else, I know many people can't believe we need this much work on our roof so soon after the last roof was put on. The reality is that the prior roof job is no longer sufficient for keeping water out and hasn't been for a while. For 3 years running, I have had at least one spring day in which water is coming down a wall in my office. Well, as they say, when it rains, it pours.

I have been thinking about my grandfather these last few days. Like most of you, he was careful with how he used the money he had. At the same time, he was always looking for ways that the community could be made better. Sometimes that did mean investing significant time and money. Few things excited him more than to see his investments pay off in people's lives. Your church Trustees, who have already been meeting to address several identified issues in our two buildings, are working hard on developing a plan to address the roof and other critical or soon-to-be critical building issues. I know there is a measure of worry or concern about undertaking such a large project. In reply, I would encourage you to ground your response in our faith. You might consider the words of the scripture above. Or the admonition of Jesus or any number of angels to “fear not.” Or Paul who stated, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Or God who made everything in heaven and earth and gave us the awesome responsibility of stewardship. Imagine the legacy we can leave not only for the current generation, but the ones to come, if we approach this project at once with eyes wide open and filled with the hope of our faith. I imagine what my grandpa would do.

Grace and peace,
Tim

Roof Update; Special Church Conference Called

Water, wind, and fire. A rainy Pentecost? No, but some problems that the church structure is struggling with and needs help with. The Gray Memorial UMC Trustees have been meeting, discussing, and developing the plans to remedy the most immediate needs. One of these needs are the church and parsonage roofs which desperately need redone. Among other problems, shingles routinely blow off the church roof and crumble off the parsonage roof, leaving large exposed gaps that water freely enters into causing other damage once in the buildings (see accompanying photo below). The seasonal ice buildup and resulting dangerous ice avalanches are other roof issues that will be dealt with at the same time. The roofs need to be redone soon, as patch after patch have been done. The Trustees don't believe it makes sense to keep putting money into patches only to need many more patches as shingles are lost with each storm *and* not to address many of the underlying problems. After much discussion, the Trustees have faithfully determined that the best course of action is to request a "loan" of the Turner Trust monies recently received by our church to be used for an immediate roofing job (bids have been secured and vetted), which will then be repaid with money raised through an upcoming capital campaign that the Trustees are developing. A special church conference meeting will be held on May 26 at 12:30 p.m. to ask for the church's help/permission. The Trustees plan to make information about the proposed project and campaign available over the coming weeks as well as on the day of the conference. Please contact a Trustee with any questions you may have or to learn more.

NOTICE

A special Church Conference meeting will be held on Sunday, May 26 at 12:30pm with the Rev. Chris Dare presiding. The purpose of the meeting will be to act on the part of the Trustees' proposal for replacing the church roof that requests using the Phil and Jean Turner bequest as a loan to ourselves until such time as either a loan is finalized on our funds on deposit at the United Methodist Foundation or we receive income from a capital campaign. The special Church Conference session in February passed an amendment to the receipt of the Turner bequest requesting any proposed use of the principal amount of the Turner monies be approved by the Church Conference. Secondly, this forthcoming Church Conference will act on nominations for the coming program year provided they are sufficiently ready on this date. The conference is being called as a Church Conference so that all professing members may have a voice and vote at the meeting.





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Greetings from the Church Office!

Please be aware of a recent scam – the parsonage and the church received calls from someone posing as an Emera Maine employee claiming they received order to dispatch technicians to our locations to disconnect service. Rev. Tim did make some calls and determined it was a scam. Please don't fall for these calls!

For any committee/group who is sponsoring an event that should be posted on the outside sign, it would be very helpful if you would provide the wording and the dates you want the message posted.

Please help me by meeting deadlines for submitting things for the Newsletter. It is difficult to "pull it all together" at the last minute and create a quality product. For May, that deadline is Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00am!

As spring finally begins to arrive, the warmer temperatures will hopefully start to turn everything green and flowers will bloom. It's been such a long, cold, snowy winter that we all need warmer and sunnier weather!

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



April Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Reta Haley, Susan Clark, Pat Dobson, Florence Gallagher, Darlene Nelder, Sheila Belyea, Emily Stuart, Robin Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Janie Lidey, Keith Drew, Glen Tagget, Neal Genz, Dave & Marcia DeMerchant, Anne Bernard, JoJo & Carter Strother, Martha Dunn, Macenzie Charette, Colleen Harmon, DeDe Nichols, Louis & Nancy Leavitt, Herman Wright, Danny Haines

On Family Death: Family of Elaine Gregory; Family of Det. Bob Campbell (Maine State Police); Family of Wade Smith;

Other: Prayers of joy for Dawn Westman (successfully completed her first solo tour!); All who serve in harm's way; Nations of Israel, Palestine & Syria; Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry (temporarily closed while seeking new location); prayers of joy for all the work that Judson Drake has done!;

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE A MAILING ADDRESS FOR PEOPLE OR FAMILIES YOU PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST SO WE CAN SEND THEM A NOTE FROM REV. TIM. WE OFTEN HEAR FROM RECIPIENTS ON HOW TOUCHED THEY ARE THAT WE OFFERED PRAYERS FOR THEM!

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITUGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
May 5	Samuela Manages	Diana Locke & Dave Wakana	Ruthann Weeks	Trustees
May 12	Margaret Cyr	Shirley Bowman & Diane Fitzpatrick	Mary Ouellette	Memorials Committee
May 19	Deb Pringnitz	Jeanette & Ken Peters	Ruthann Weeks	SPRC
May 26	Del Ramey	Mary Anderson & Duska Franklin	Ruthann Weeks	* POTLUCK LUNCH!!!!

***Please join us for a Potluck Lunch during Coffee Fellowship time on May 26th. If you are unable to bring anything, please join us - there will be plenty of food to share! Or you may go home and then return by 12:30pm to attend the Church Conference requested by the Trustees and act on nominations for coming year if available (see pg. 2 for more details).**

May Usher Coordinator: Bill Thomas

May Communion Stewardess: Joelene Boucher

Organist/Pianist: May 5-Margaret Cyr; May 12-Mary Lou Brown; May 19-Margaret Cyr; May 26-Judi Greenier

Acolytes: May 5-Alden Wilcox & Darrell Adams; May 12-Friedrich Wilcox; May 19-Darrell Adams; May 26-Neal Genz

Child Care Volunteers: May 5-Diana Locke; May 12-Roberta Walton; May 19-Debbie Barnes; May 26-Diane Fitzpatrick

Each individual or committee is responsible to make arrangements for changes to these various calendars.

Please contact the church office if any changes to these lists are made so the weekly bulletins are correct!

* * May Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated on the first Sunday during Coffee Fellowship.

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



2	Donald DeMerchant, Melvin Griffin, Heidi Manter	17	Vincent Bell, Lu Sharp, Denise Witmer
4	Mariah Mockler, Locke Wakana	18	RJ Nichols
5	Erika Carlson, Beth Greenier	19	Annette Staples, Mari Witmer
6	Joe Botterill	20	Ashley Bell, Meagan Irving, Josselyn Langworthy
7	Matthew Smith	21	Debbie Nichols, Glen Warner
8	Robert Buchanan, Judson Drake, Ronald Nedeau	22	Gary Doody
9	Peggy Nichols, Michele Sterner	23	Jacob & Justin Walton
10	Kyle Alden	24	Kiele Rife, Shirley Sutherland
11	Gerald Drake	28	Richard Clark, Edie Shea
13	Ralph Ferguson	29	Mary Lou Brown, Douglas Lombard, Althea Wilcox
14	Geneviere Barnum, Darlene Nelder	31	Linda Richards, Bonnie Topping
16	Linda Pangburn		



10	Katie & Josh Cyr	20	Mary & Ed Ouellette
15	Rebecca & Jason Rife	24	Gail & Bruce Hagelstein
17	Susan & Richard Clark	25	Judi & Louis Greenier
27	Katie & Whitney Smith; Annette & Craig Staples		

If your name or the name of someone in the Gray Memorial Family does not appear on this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office, 498-2103.

Corrections are ALWAYS appreciated!!! If you know someone whose last name has changed, please let Bobbi know so she can update the database.



**STEWARDSHIP/
FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Worship Attendance and General Fund Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
Mar 31	79	\$2,032.13
Apr 7	81	\$5,607.00
Apr 14	85	\$2,422.00
Apr 21	126	\$4,123.00
Apr 28	76	\$2,190.75

Needed to meet 2019 Budget: \$4,246.45 weekly

Capital Account Seed Money (CASM):

We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account each month. As of April 28th, the balance in the CASM account is \$43,554.98. Of that amount, the "furnace replacement donations" total \$32,828.00. All donations made for the "Furnace Replacement" will be held in this account until needed.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARRIVED DECEMBER 6TH!

Anyone who had their photos taken or submitted an image gets a free directory.

We have additional copies of the directory and the individual copy cost is \$6.00.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I WILL ADVERTISE THESE REMAINING DIRECTORIES!!!!

Changes (May 2019):

Botterill, Heather: new email address - heather.botterill@yahoo.co.uk

Branscom, Betty: new email address - bettybranscom@gmail.com

Carlson, Melonie & Erika and Melvin Griffin – add an * next to their names; they became members on April 21st!

Mayhew, Jacqueline: Deceased 1/2/19

Thompson, Robert: correct his cell phone number to 551-9275

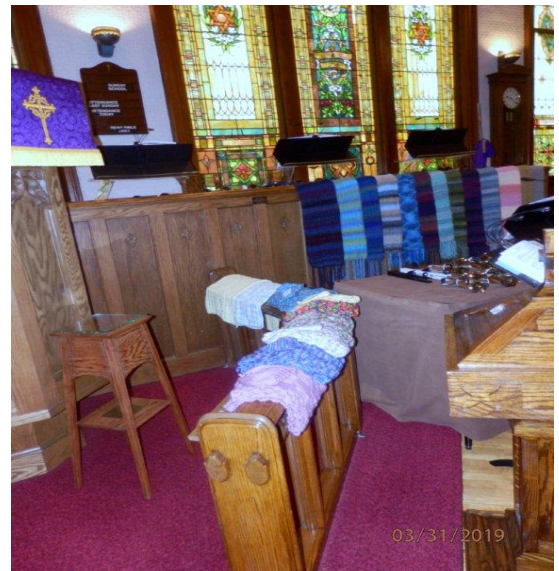
Westman, Dawn & Cassie: new **temporary** address – 94 Wild Oak Drive, St. Augustine FL 32086; Dawn's email is oceansreams19@gmail.com

Pictures from our Worship Services!!
(photos by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



Mar 31 - Tamara Wilcox directs the Handbell Choir, playing "Grace" with bells and chimes. They also traveled to Mars Hill that afternoon to play this piece during the Cluster Lenten Service.

Mar 31 - Rev. Tim has the children write names or things to offer in prayer on the poster board.



Mar 31 - Prayer Shawl Dedication - many beautiful shawls and blankets/hats for newborn babies

Other Kodak Moments!



Our Fellowship Hall has had a St. Patrick's Day theme for several weeks!



Would you like to receive the weekly email newsletter summarizing events at worship and upcoming events? Also, special bulletins, notices of changes of events, etc.? Send an email to the church office (498-2103) so we can add you to the email list!

The Memorials Committee has completed the 2019 "Scholarship Information and Application" package and it is available in the Church Office. You can request a hardcopy of this package or get it sent to you through email. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is Monday, May 6th.

Starting Thursday, May 3rd, the Community Health & Counseling Services will start conducting monthly Foster Parents Support Group meetings at Gray Memorial from 5:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Anyone wishing to learn more about foster parenting is invited to attend. The monthly meetings will continue the first Thursday of each month at the same time. We are pleased to welcome this group!



The Worship Committee continues to sponsor a church-wide Mission Project to provide local school children with a variety of items, such as socks, underwear, toiletries (sample/travel size), hats, mittens, gloves, school supplies, etc. Collection boxes are available in the Library and the Fellowship Hall. Please place your donations into the appropriate box (marked "Clothes", "Toiletries", and "School Supplies"). We hope everyone in the Gray Memorial family will help with this project!

*We just gave the schools all the many donations received March 17, 2019 (thank you!). Our next **deadline for donating items is Sunday, May 12th** – we will collect the donations and pass them on to the schools. We will take a break for a couple of months and then start another campaign for distribution in the fall.*

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support!

Two Job Vacancies –

Pre-School - Grade 5 Sunday School Teacher/Vacation Bible School Coordinator **and** Grades 6-12 Church School Teacher/Youth Group Advisor

Gray Memorial is looking for two energetic and enthusiastic people to oversee, coordinate and plan activities for the children and youth of the church and the community. The successful candidates will work to build young disciples for Christ by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth and child ministries (in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach) while serving as a spiritual leader and role model. Interested candidates should contact the church office for an application and a copy of the job description (207-498-2103). Please include with the application a resume outlining previous experience working with children and youth as well as educational experience relative to this position.

Applications and resumes are due to the church office by noon on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
(INCLUDES COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MEETING)
March 28, 2019

ATTENDEES: Roy Alden (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Tamara Wilcox, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Judson Drake, Debbie Barnes and Bobbi Pelletier

Roy Alden called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM in the church kitchen and said a brief prayer. There was a brief discussion about the absence of many Chairs, several of whom are not reporting on their committees. We need the Chairs to attend so that they can help problem solve the many issues coming before this body regarding the needs of the church.

Next Roy asked those present if they could talk about what is exciting them about things happening within the church family. Tamara Wilcox told us that we finally have someone using the phone application to donate to the church. Bobbi Pelletier explained that someone had contacted her from away and when they suggested they would like a way to donate she referred them to our new App which allows people to give right over their phones. Claire appreciates the new motion sensor lighting in the Narthex and stairwell which Judson Drake installed. He volunteered that these are temporary as they run on battery. He plans to tie them into the electric system in the future. Rev. Tim is excited to see the transformation of his Companions in Christ students as the year has gone on.

Next, Roy called for the financial report.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP: The February financial report ending Feb. 28th is as follows:

Regular offerings amounted to \$12,541.09. There were no reimbursements, and "Special Funds for Church Use" donations were \$1,372.89. There were no donations received for the "Special Funds (Not for Church Use)". The total offerings for February was \$13,913.98.

The Checkbook figures for February are as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$3,606.90
2019 Operating Income	12,541.09
Interest	5.83
Less EFT fee	(29.87)
Less Expenses	(15,077.81)
Ending Balance	1,046.14

Status of the \$25,000 invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC for the Memorial Garden on June 29, 2017 at an investment cost of \$1,073.78: as of February 28, 2019, on-line report shows an ending value of \$25,273.40 which has more than covered the investment cost.

Capital Account Seed Money Account Previous Balance was \$42,152.53; deposits for Feb. amounted to \$373.24; Balance on Feb. 28th was \$42,525.77. Of that total amount, the furnace fund donations total \$32,783.00.

We are one month behind in mission shares which is \$2,452.33/mo.

Dead River monthly cost as of June, 2018: C= \$955; P= \$249 (Increase of \$303/mo.)

Note: Dead River bills for church also include charges for propane deliveries.

Balances as of January 31st:

C = **owe \$1,826.18**; P = (\$47.79)

The 2018 YTD Review:

Annual Budget \$220,815.26

Required/Mo. 18,401.27

Required/Wk. 4,246.45 February 28th: Target = \$36,802.54; Tithes & Offerings = \$27,068.95; Total Expenses = \$35,333.03; Unpaid Expenses = \$2,452.33; Average monthly attendance = 70; Year-to-date average attendance = 76.

The Finance Committee is continuing to plan for the Italian Dinner set for Saturday, April 13th. Also, the committee discussed requesting a speaker from the Preachers' Aid Society to come and speak on Stewardship.

SPRC: From Sue White - SPRC Met on Thursday, March 14th to discuss applicants for the vacant Children and Youth Coordinator position. The committee then met after church on Sunday, March 17, 2019 to take a close look at current programming and to discuss making changes. The group invited Alden Wilcox and Friedrich Wilcox to the meeting on the 17th as their insight in to youth programming is key. At the meeting on the 17th the group decided that a new structure needed to be explored and the group re-convened after church on March 24th to re-write the job description. The draft of the new job description will be presented at the Church Council Meeting on Thursday, March 28th. Once it is approved the position will be re-posted and a timeline for interviews will be established by the committee. At March 28th Church Council meeting, Rev. Tim stated that SPRC discussed the replacement of the Youth Coordinator staff position. They may decide to go back to the drawing board to create 2 separate positions, one for junior/senior youth and one for elementary and pre-K. Some on the Council wondered if there were enough children to warrant such a change. The same money would be split if they went with two positions. There were some reservations among the Council members present.

TRUSTEES: Judson Drake began with the Treasurer's Report:

Organ Fund \$823.67; Clock Acc. \$529.63; Steeple Maintenance Acc. \$1,009.95; Pastor's Moving Acct. \$2,952.10; Trustee Checking \$3,183.94; Trustee CD \$10,289.10

Judson reported the Trustees voted to replace the parsonage dryer which could cause a fire. He also brought the Council up to date on the sprinkler system situation. The Trustees plan to use interest from the Permanent Fund to do the much needed work on the sprinkler system. He met with the head of the company in Lewiston to lock in the cost to between \$18,000 and \$30,000. The installation should take between 10 days and 3 weeks depending on what they find. Judson will be working with the crew as the third man to help keep costs down. He needs to locate the pipes in the attic insulation.

Judson also brought the Council up-to-date on the roof repairs to the church and parsonage. It will take six weeks to do both roofs and requires a Capital Campaign to do his list of needs for GMUMC as follows:

1. Roof for Church and Parsonage: Church roof \$98,000.00; Parsonage roof \$24,000.00
2. Lights and Electrical
3. Fan, attic
4. Insulation, attic
5. Sp 1 box/ breaker box in sanctuary

The estimated cost of these repairs is \$166,448.00. Discussion was tabled and Trustees will meet in April for further information and planning.

UMM: (Report submitted late) - The GMUMC Men's Club met on March 23, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Church dining room with 13 members attending. Richard Clark led the group in the opening prayer. Breakfast included Fried Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Home-made toast with Del's jams, fruit, Orange Juice and Apple Juice, and Coffee. Richard Clark gave his prelate message. The Secretary's Report for February was accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$637.62. It was voted to continue the Sunrise Service Breakfast again this year. Next meeting will be April 27, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

UMW: No Report

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim nominated Roy Alden to represent us at the Annual Conference. The Council gave its seal of approval.

CLUSTER:

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Action Award - Discussion about recognizing one person from each church at the Thanksgiving Service and broadening the scope, i.e. evangelism, social action, etc. We will discuss this at subsequent meetings.

Akeley Scholarship - This scholarship will likely continue for a few more years. Josselyn will be in touch with Debbie Barnes in order to get a current application form to distribute to each church in order to expedite the process and make selections at the May meeting.

District Lay Servants Committee - No report.

Pulpit Exchange - It was discussed to set May 19th as Pulpit Exchange Sunday. An email will be sent with a request to reply all if you are willing (or not) to participate.

Celebrating Families - Cheryl has emailed much information regarding this program. She shared some information with us about this effort to provide effective substance abuse intervention, especially for young children (pre-K and elementary). Training for facilitators would be 2 ½ days. The program is 16-months. The cost for training and implementation is expensive. Cheryl has been contacted about a grant available that would cover the complete costs of this program. She will apply for the grant and is asking for support from this Cluster with any anecdotal or statistical information. Josselyn sits on the ACAP board and will also provide assistance with getting some others on board.

Cluster Mission Project – St. Apollonia Festival of Trees - Cheryl has submitted our application to participate. We would like to participate again this year. Theme? Something for kids! Please bring your ideas for a theme to the next meeting.

December 6, 7, 8, 2019.

Cluster Lenten Service - March 31st has been set for a Cluster Lenten Service. Mars Hill UMC will host with a potluck to follow. Music Festival!! All churches have been invited to provide one or two selections - an uplifting sharing of sacred music. Please contact Sue with the title of the music if possible in order to better prepare the order of worship. It was decided to give half of our offering at that service to Homeless Services of Aroostook.

Blue Christmas Service - Tim shared about holding a Blue Christmas service (traditionally for those who have lost loved ones or suffered some other tragedy in the year) at Gray Memorial in Dec. 2018. He suggested that perhaps it would be helpful and healing to do a Blue Christmas service as a Cluster. Perhaps we could have two different services/locations to accommodate those who cannot travel. Perhaps having the services early in Advent.

Sharing Joys and Concern - Several prayer concerns as well as some praises and joys were lifted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gray Memorial is still seeking a youth ministries coordinator – someone with a passion for children and families. The salary is in the neighborhood of \$4,500. Please pass along this information, and if you know of a possible good fit for this position, please contact Tim. This position is open until filled.

Please continue to hold in prayer and send cards to Leona Michaud in her ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer. Her address is 14 Garden Court, Limestone, ME 04750.

Church Activities:

Limestone UMC – Lenten Bible Study – “Because of This I Rejoice” – Wednesdays at 7pm

Grant Memorial – March 24th – April 7th Mission Team to W. Virginia. Any skill set is needed and welcomed.

Please contact Dave Adams at 207-764-5662 if you would like to be a part of this team.

Gray Memorial – March 16th – Ham Supper 4:30 – 6:00pm

Holy Week Ecumenical Services 12:00 – 12:30pm with lunch/fellowship to follow

Mars Hill UMC - Aroostook Cluster Event – March 31st – 4pm Lenten Service (Music Festival).

Potluck to follow. Mars Hill will provide hot dishes. Others are asked to bring salads, desserts, etc.

Northern Maine Cluster Event – Brad Roth will be at Houlton UMC on April 30th from 9:30am – 3:30pm.

Memorials Committee: Paid for the Lent paraments. Working on the 2019 Scholarship Application package and will have it available for Sunday, April 7th.

Missions & Evangelism: No meeting in March. Committee did request that Rev. Tim schedule Lenten radio spots to be released (similar to Advent ones) prior to Holy Week Ecumenical Services. Committee will pay for them.

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Worship:

We met on Friday, April 1st and discussed the following:

Old Business:

Mission Project to collect items for schools – next date to deliver to schools will be after all donations received as of March 17th. Delivery was made on Friday, March 22nd. Next collection date is set to end Sunday, May 12th.

Requested Rev. Tim to record radio spots for Lent (Missions & Evangelism Committee will pay for them). Rev. Tim agreed to do.

Judson Drake is checking on how to record sermons, meetings, etc. and find software to convert recordings to word documents.

Senior Choir will present a musical service on Palm Sunday, April 14th.

Ash Wednesday – Prayer Vigil from 6am to 6pm; service at noon; Rev. Tim had “Ashes on the Go” from 7:30am – 9:30am.

Saturday, March 16th – will sponsor Boiled Ham Dinner; sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers were posted March 3rd and 10th; all proceeds to go towards church’s operating budget.

New paraments for Lent were ordered (and received) in time to dedicate “In memory of the Honorable Donald F. Collins” on March 10th. Mrs. Collins was notified. Diana Rauch created a label that was sewn on the back of the altar cloth.

March 3rd – the “Companions in Christ” class will have a “reverse” paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm during Worship service; Coffee Fellowship will be a “Mardi Gras” theme; decorated Fellowship Hall and Leland Frost provided the “King Cake” with a hidden baby inside (Bobbi Pelletier got the lucky piece and will provide next year’s cake!)

Will Barnum has volunteered to assist with the Audio/Visual component of our Worship Services, when he is available.

New Business:

Upcoming Sundays:

March 10 – First Sunday in Lent; beginning of the Marcia McFee “Listen” sermon series

March 17 – Second Sunday in Lent

March 24 – Third Sunday in Lent

March 31 – Fourth Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Sunday (special offering); Prayer Shawl Dedication (added after meeting)

April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 14 – Palm Sunday; African Palms (ordered for delivery week of March 24th) will be handed out as people go into Worship by Diane Fitzpatrick and Diana Locke; Rev. Tim will instruct people to write something on them and place in offering plates for dedication; palm branches will be handed out by

Diane & Diana after the service; will also order palm arrangement for the altar

April 15-19 – Holy Week Ecumenical Noon Services; Rev. Tim and Bobbi working on the schedule; as of March 25th, two days are filled (Monday – Father David Raymond; Friday – Pastor Don Owen)

April 21 – Easter Sunday; Sunrise service (time TBD) – asked Neal Genz to request use of space at Caribou Golf Course; people can bring in or deliver Easter lilies/plants on Friday, April 19th from 9-noon or at 1pm Saturday, April 20th; Committee members will meet at 1pm to arrange in sanctuary

May 5 – Native American Ministries Sunday (special offering)

May 12 – Mother’s Day; we need to order gifts for women; Bobbi will bring some suggestions to the April meeting

May 19 – Heritage Sunday; honor new 50-year members; Bobbi will research and have names at next meeting

May 26 – Memorial Sunday

Rev. Tim: Planning to do sermons on “So You Think You Can’t Be a Christian”; Taize-style service sometime after Easter; Mission Sunday in the spring

Next Church Council Meeting is Thursday, April 25th at 6:30pm. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY 2019!!!!

Wednesday	01	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	02	9:30am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill
		5-7:30pm	Foster Parents Support Group Meeting in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Friday	03	9:30am	Worship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
		7:00pm	Caribou Choral Society Concert at Presque Isle Middle School
Saturday	04	7:00pm	Caribou Choral Society Concert at Holy Rosary Church, Caribou
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Sunday	05	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Third Sunday of Easter; Taize-style worship with Communion; music led by Margaret Cyr, Friedrich Wilcox & Althea Wilcox; Native American Ministries Sunday (Special Offering)
Monday	06	12:00pm	<u>Deadline for 2019 Scholarship Applications</u>
		6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	07	6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Wednesday	08	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting in Fellowship Hall
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	09	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen
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Sunday	12	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
		12:00pm	Memorials Committee Meeting in Kitchen
Monday	13	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	15	12:00pm	Deadline for Applying for 2 Staff Positions (Pre-School - Grade 5 Sunday School Teacher/Vacation Bible School Coordinator and Grades 6-12 Church School Teacher/Youth Group Advisor)
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Saturday	18	10:30am	Grant Memorial's UMW Fellowship Tea - All women are invited to attend. Please bring donations for DHHS (soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) Note - if you plan to attend, let Bobbi know!
		1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
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LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY 2019 (continued) !!!!!

Sunday	19	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Fifth Sunday of Easter; Heritage Sunday
Monday	20	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	21	4:00-7:30pm	Foster Parents Appreciation Dinner in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
		6:00pm	Trustees Meeting in Library
Wednesday	22	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		5:00pm	Handbell & Senior Choir Potluck Supper
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	23	10:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>
		6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	25	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Sunday	26	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter; Memorial Sunday
		11:15am	Potluck Coffee Fellowship
		12:30pm	Church Conference (see page 2 for more details)
Monday	27	<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>	
Tuesday	28	4-8pm	Companions in Christ Closing Retreat at the Church
Wednesday	29	8am-3pm	Companions in Christ Closing Retreat at Mary Ouellette's house
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice



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